

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A computer management system having an object computer, a storage system in which data to be communicated to the object computer is stored, and a management computer that manages the storage system and object computer, wherein:

said storage system comprises:

an acquisition unit for acquiring first connection information, which contains a communication port identifier of said object computer, and a communication port identifier assigned to the communication port of said storage system, from said object computer; and

a communication unit for transmitting said first connection information to said management computer; and

said management computer comprises:

a communication unit for receiving said first connection information from said storage system; and

a display that uses an output screen to visualize connection relationships between said storage system and computer on the basis of said first connection information.

2. (Original) A computer management system according to Claim 1, wherein said first connection information further contains information representing a communications protocol adopted for data communication between connected communication ports or information representing a state of a communications link between communication ports.

3. (Original) A computer management system according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein said acquisition unit included in said storage system acquires said first connection information when a data communications link is established between the communication ports of said computer and said storage system respectively.

4. (Currently amended) A computer management system according to Claim 1 or 2, further comprising an interconnection device connected to each of said object computer and said storage system, wherein:

said acquisition unit included in said storage system acquires said first connection information and ~~said~~ a second connection information representing the connection relationships between said object computer and storage system from said interconnection device;

said communication unit included in said storage system transmits both said first connection information and said second connection information to said management computer;

said communication unit included in said management computer receives both said first connection information and said second connection information from said storage system; and

said display included in said management computer uses the output screen thereof to visualize the connection relationships among said storage system, said computer, and said interconnection device on the basis of said first connection information and said second connection information.

5. (Original) A computer management system according to Claim 1 or 2, further comprising an interconnection device connected to each of said object computer and said storage system, wherein:

said management computer further comprises an acquisition unit that acquires second connection information, which represents the connection relationships between said object computer and said storage system, from said interconnection device; and

said display uses the output screen thereof to visualize the connection relationships among said storage system, said computer, and said interconnection device on the basis of said first connection information and said second connection information.

6. (Original) A computer management system according to Claim 1, wherein when the connection relationships between said storage system and said computer have changed, said display included in said management computer uses the output screen thereof to visualize the connection relationships between said storage system and said computer on the basis of said first connection information that has been modified.

7. (Original) A computer management system according to Claim 1, wherein:

said management computer includes a user interface via which a user-entered value is received; and

said display included in said management computer uses the output screen thereof to visualize the connection relationships between said storage system and said computer on the basis of said entered value and said first connection information.

8. (Currently amended) A computer storage system which has a plurality of communication ports and in which data to be communicated to an object computer through one of the communication ports is stored, comprising:

an acquisition unit for acquiring first connection information, which contains a communication port identifier of said object computer, and a communication port identifier assigned to the communication port of said storage system, from said object computer; and

a communication unit for transmitting said first connection information to a management computer.

9. (Original) A management computer for managing an object computer and a storage system in which data to be communicated to the object computer is stored, comprising:

a communication unit for receiving first connection information, which contains a communication port identifier of said object computer, and a communication port identifier assigned to the communication port of said storage system, from said storage system; and

a display that uses an output screen thereof to visualize connection relationships between said storage system and said computer on the basis of said first connection information.

10. (Original) A management method for managing connection relationships between an object computer and a storage system in which data to be communicated to the object computer is stored, comprising the steps of:

acquiring first connection information, which contains a communication port identifier of said object computer, and a communication port identifier assigned to the communication port of said storage system, from said object computer; and

transmitting said first connection information to a management computer.

11. (Original) A management method for managing connection relationships between an object computer and a storage system in which data to be communicated to the object computer is stored, comprising the steps of:

receiving first connection information, which contains a communication port identifier of said object computer, and a communication port identifier assigned to the communication port of said storage system, from said storage system; and

using an output screen to visualize the connection relationships between said storage system and said object computer on the basis of said first connection information.

12. (Currently amended) Management software for managing connection relationships between an object computer and a storage system in which data to be communicated to the object computer is stored, wherein:

said management software allows said storage system to act as:

means for acquiring first connection information, which contains a communication port identifier of said object computer, and a communication port identifier assigned to the communication port of said storage system, from said object computer; and

means for transmitting said first connection information to a management computer; **and**

wherein said management software is stored on a computer readable medium.

13. (Original) A management program for managing connection relationships between an object computer and a storage system in which data to be communicated to the object computer is stored, wherein:

said management program allows a management computer to act as:

means for receiving first connection information, which contains a communication port identifier of said object computer, and a communication port identifier assigned to the communication port of said storage system, from said storage system; and

means for using an output screen to visualize the connection relationships between said storage system and said object computer on the basis of said first connection information.